

The following seven of the fourteen originally-named inventors named in the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed with this application¹ are being deleted -- Masahiro Kanai, Yasuko Hirano, Yasushi Akatsuka, Takayuki Iijima, Noriaki Okazawa, Hitoshi Matsumoto, and Yasuhiro Ogura. The contributions of these seven inventors are no longer being claimed in this application.

Subsequent to the filing of this application it was determined that only some of the named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention now claimed in this application. Accordingly, this Request has been filed to delete the names of the above-identified seven originally named individuals, who are not inventors of the invention currently being claimed.

As established by accompanying Statement from the persons being deleted as inventors, this error in inventorship arose without deceptive intent.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), also submitted herewith are:

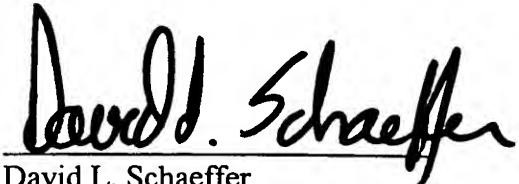
1. a statement from each of the individuals who are being deleted as inventors that the inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intention on their part (Statement of Erroneously Persons Being Deleted as Inventors);
2. a Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 from each of the actual inventors; and
3. the written consent of the Assignee, this statement complying with the requirements of § 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) (Consent of Assignee to Correction of Inventorship).

¹ This application is a division claiming the priority of U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/312,073. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(1), this application was filed using a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney from that parent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$130.00 processing fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for this Request as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), as well as any other fee which may now or hereafter be due, to deposit account no. 19-4709.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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